



Kildare Town Community School Parents' Association Monthly PA Meeting - Minutes

When: Monday Oct 14th 2019, 7.30pm

Where: Kildare Town Community School

Opening address: Chairperson opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Agenda was shared. Constitution for the PA was discussed and copies were distributed to everyone for review. To be ratified at next PA Meeting. NPCpp (National Parents Council pp, affiliation was discussed).

NPCpp representative gave an overview of the NPCpp, chatted about the services which they offer and said that she was very impressed at the turnout of parents to the PA meeting this evening & how organised everything was.

Other PA Sub-committees – Chairperson explained that there are opportunities open to all parents/guardians to get involved with the PA. Everyone has different skill sets & experience & all are greatly received. Some of the current projects that are being undertaken & that would greatly benefit from other parents input are:

Library – Librarian from Kildare Town library is meeting with PA Committee Member & KTCS English teacher Tuesday, Oct 15th to discuss converting the school library into a fully functioning library for students. Parents help on this is appreciated. A parent has a contact in Gill publishers and offered help with this project, especially around access to exam papers. Garda vetting will be needed for any Parents who wish to help with the running of the Library. This will need to be applied for through the school.

ASD Unit – Another project for this year to kit out the unit for the benefit of students who use the unit. Requested parental assistance/involvement on this too.

Communications - KTCS Website (PA Page), iClass app, Email, Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn – all the above methods of communication were discussed and information on these platforms will be taken from the KTCS website. PA page to be updated too. Calendars across all platforms will be synchronised so parents are aware of all events that are taking place. Good practice in all these matters was discussed also, acceptable user policy to be developed & all users to agree to uphold this policy.

Successful Events - Barnardo's National Collection Day , several students from TY assisted with this collection in Kildare Town - €692 Raised – organised by KTCS & PA Chairperson

This was a wonderful fundraiser for a great charity, well done everyone!

Fundraising – Hell & Back – Volunteer Marshall - €460 earned

Thanks to committee members & parents for volunteering to assist at this event, this was a great fundraiser which helped pay forwards part of the National Parents Council affiliation fee.

Treasurer Report – Treasurers' report

			BOI	KCU	Float
Sep-19	Opening Balances		-€ 2.80	€ 3,975.78	€ 84.38
Sep-19	National Parents' Council Affiliation Fee			-€ 910.00	
Sep-19	Arachas Yearly PA Insurance			-€ 205.00	
Oct-19	Closing Balances		-€ 2.80	€ 2,860.78	€ 84.38
Oct-19	Payment Due from Alive Outside			€ 460.00	
Oct-19	Expected Closing Balances		-€ 2.80	€ 3,320.78	€ 84.38

Principals' Address – Discussed staffing. Aware of “free class” issue but work is being left out for students. Took parents concern on board & committed to keeping parents informed. Assemblies for all years once a week, different themes each week, also this acts as an inadvertent practice for fire drills. Sports Day report from KTCS distributed.

Policies – Child Safeguarding Statement 2019 to be uploaded to KTCS Website. School Trips Policy to be ratified at next BOM meeting. Critical Incident policy to be reviewed next.

Stepping Stones Programme rolled out by KYS offered to 1st year students. Noted @ Tutor Classes.

Attendance Initiatives for 3rd & 6th year students launched.

Open Night – October 24th 6pm-9pm, there will be lots happening that night such as musicians, arts, rooms will be open and displaying the wonderful work that KTCS students have done and what is available. Kildare Town Library, The Hive & Kildare Youth Services have been invited to this also. And of course the PA will be present.

Musical-Wizard of Oz – November 7th, 8th & 9th. PA will be involved in this event selling raffle tickets. Booklet is coming together for same and any parental help for this would be greatly appreciated. Matinee for Primary School children Friday Nov 8th.

UCD Confucius Classroom – Principal Management trip to Beijing. Exchange Programme to China for some TY Students 2020 & a return programme.

Teacher Rep Address – Teachers gave short discussion on activities happening in school such as green week this week and talks available for interested students. Also students will be informed about the Shoe Box Appeal. IXL Maths programme being rolled out for JC students too.

Housing Action Kildare – Representative spoke to us about different initiatives they run to help those who need it. PA to link up with Teacher Rep & Housing Action Kildare to put a plan together of how KTCS PA can help.

Road Safety - Letter of submission to KCC re Road Works on Dunmurry Road - PA Chairperson briefly read out this letter which explained safety concerns for pupils and road users – all parents signed letter which is being sent to KCC.

Closing Address – PA Chairperson closed meeting and again thanked everyone for attending.